

REMARKS

Claims 32, 33, 35-37, 39-41, 43-47, and 49 are presented for examination, of which claims 32, 36, and 40 are independent. Favorable reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

The comments of the applicant below are each preceded by related comments of the examiner (in small, bold type).

4. Claims 34-35, 38-39, 42-43, 48, 50, 52 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 32, 36, and 40 have been amended to incorporate elements of claims 34, 38, and 42, respectively, and are now believed to be patentable. Additional changes have also been made to the claims to address what may be perceived as informalities. These changes are not believed to affect patentability of the claims.

All of the dependent claims are patentable for at least the reasons for which the claims on which they depend are patentable.

Cancelled claims, if any, have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Any circumstance in which the applicant has (a) addressed certain comments of the examiner does not mean that the applicant concedes other comments of the examiner, (b) made arguments for the patentability of some claims does not mean that there are not other good reasons for patentability of those claims and other claims, or (c) amended or cancelled a claim does not mean that the applicant concedes any of the examiner's positions with respect to that claim or other claims.

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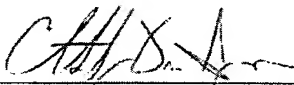
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The applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing attorney docket no. 02103-366001.

Respectfully submitted,

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